(f) what are the names of producers of each drug and what was the production of each drug of each unit; and

(g) what are the names of other drugs which are being marketed for the same indication and are covered under the same thereapeutic head and what was the production of each during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The whole sale price index of drugs and medicines was 145.2 and 160.7 (provisional) on 7.4.1990 and 2.11.1991 respectively with base year 1981-82=100.

(b) to (g) The names of drugs and medicines on which whole sale price index is based is given in the Statement (*See* below). The other details asked for are too voluminous. The time and labour involved in collecting these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Statement

Sl. No	Names of Drugs and Medicines for whole sale price index
1	Vitamin tablets (A, B C, D and Others)
2	Vitamin Capsules
3	Vitamin liquids
4	Chloramphenicol
5	Penicillin (Vials, tablets & other products)
6	Streptomycin (Vials & Other products)
7	Tetracycline (In capsules, vials and others)
8	Powder/granules other than vitamin
9	Liquid oral other than vitamin
10	Liquid Injectable other than vitamin
11	Capsule other than vitamin & antibiotics
12	Tablet except vitamin and penicillin
13	Ointments
14	Syrup
15	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals n.e.c.
16	Ayurvedic medicines liquid

Price Increase of Decontrolled Drugs and Finished Medicines

1331. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made study of price increase of price decontrolled drugs and finished medicines;

(b) if so, what are the findings and what is the percentage and increase or fall in prices during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what is the percentage as increase or fall in wholesale price index during the same period;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing the price decontrol of

most of he essential drugs from price control and to reduce the price control basket; and

(e) if so, what are the basis on which such a decision has been taken and what are the details of studies and reports on which such conclusion has been drawn?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) No such regular study has been conducted.

(d) and (e) The entire Drug policy is under Review.

BICP as a Recommendatory Body

1332. SHRI R. S. NAIK:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1671 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BICP is only a recommendatory body in the matter of fixation of prices;

(b) if so, under what authority BICP put down its feet while working out the prices of formulations based on Bulk drugs prices which were reduced;

(c) whether it is a fact that this was done even after the prices of bulk drugs were notified with the approval of the Minister incharge; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to investigate the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) BICP is an expert body of the Government on industrial costs and prices and its recommendations/ suggestions constitute an important input in the decision leading to fixation of prices.

(c) BICP sought certain clarifications on reduction in prices of bulk drugs and the matter was sorted out later.

(d) Question does not arise.

Prices of Merck Enzyme Tablets etc.

1333. SHRI R. S. NAIK:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of Merck Enzyme Tablets, Progmatar, Clistin, Daktarin, Dulcolax Tablets, Eudyna Cream, Thromophob Gel, Urografin 76 per cent Primon-N Haemaceal, Ascabiol and Rastinon Tablets have gone up without any basis;

(b) what was the price of each before Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 and what is the present price;

(c) what is the MAPE take on each product by the manufacturers in the break up submitted according to the provision of price control and what is the material cost of each;

(d) what steps have been taken to verify the prices taken in the break up; and

(e) what are the Major Raw Materials on which each product is based and what price of each has been taken by the manufacturer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) All these formulations are out of price control and the manufacturers are free to fix their own price. In case of formulations outside price-control, Government intervenes to bring it to a reasonable level. However, this can be enforced only when the pre-tax return on the sales turnover of the unit exceeds the limits prescribed in the Fifth schedule of DPCO, 1987.

(b) to (e) Information asked for is voluminous and the results likely to be achieved will not be commensurate with the time and efforts involved.